[22nd April 1948

Appendix VI.

[Vide item IV (6) on page 185 supra.]

A Bill further to amend the Madras Civil Courts Act, 1873.

(As passed by the Assembly.)

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Madras Civil Courts Act, 1873, for the purpose hereinafter appearing; It is hereby enacted as follows:— Central Act III of 1873.

Short title.

1. This Act may be called the Madras Civil Courts (Amendment) Act, 1948.

Insertion of new section 24-A in Central Act III of 1873.

2. In Part VI of the Madras Civil Courts Act, 1873, before section 25, the following section shall be inserted, namely:— Central Act III of 1873.

Appointment of Subordinate Judge for two or more districts.

"24-A. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, a Subordinate Judge may, where the Provincial Government so direct, be appointed for the area comprised within the local limits of the jurisdiction of two or more District Courts.

(2) A Subordinate Judge so appointed shall hold his court at such place within the jurisdiction of each of the said District Courts and for such period as the High Court may from time to time fix.

(3) The local limits of the jurisdiction of the Subordinate Judge's Court, when it is held at any such place, shall be the same as those of the District Court concerned; but the Subordinate Judge's Court shall not entertain any original suit on proceeding and shall try or dispose of only such suits, appeals and other proceedings as may be transferred to it by the District Court under this Act or any other law.

(4) Appeals from the decrees and orders of the Subordinate Judge in suits or proceedings so transferred shall, where they lie to a District Court, lie to the District Court which transferred the suits or proceedings."